

Choose Less

During the five weeks between Thanksgiving and New Years, it's estimated that the nation's trash increases by an extra one million tons per week. To help trim the trash while trimming the tree, you can reduce waste while you eat, drink, and make merry this holiday season.

Ways to Trim Your Holiday Waste line:

- Turn down the heat before the guests arrive. You'll save energy while the extra body heat of your guests warms the room.
- Be real for the holidays – use washable dishes, utensils and napkins.
- Use your own camera instead of disposable cameras.
- Give gifts that encourage others to use less stuff, such as gift cards, reusable tote bags, reused books – the possibilities are endless!
- Wrapping can be environmentally-friendly, too: Kid's artwork is perfect for wrapping gifts to relatives.
- Better yet, give gifts that don't have to be wrapped at all. Gifts of experience, like tickets to concerts and sporting events, museum memberships, houseplants, or even gifts of your time to help others will be remembered long after other presents wear out.

Go beyond recycling to waste prevention this holiday season. Choose less and significantly reduce pollution and waste.



Remember to use reusable bags for ALL of your holiday shopping this year. Call the **Reuse Line** at **(408) 586-2680** for a **FREE** reusable bag!

Happy  Holidays!